

## MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

May 23, 2019

Welcome to Synergy Physical Therapy and Wellness Center and Parklane Counseling who just moved in to Willoughby Hills on Chardon Road. I had the pleasure of presenting them with proclamations yesterday.

The internet auction on Public Surplus closed on Monday, with the City disposing of 3 vehicles and 3 pieces of Service Department equipment for a total of \$21,335. We had no bids on the salt spreader and are reviewing the reserve set for the 2014 Dodge Charger because the highest bid was about \$3500 lower than our reserve. We plan to get these vehicles and equipment off of the City lot within the next week or so.

Our Service Department continues to patch along River Road and responding to other resident concerns now that the weather seems to allow that. The Service Department will also be installing new signage by the tennis courts and Police Department to ensure no one attempts to use the PD driveway to exit the City Hall lot.

The Police Substation is moving along, still set to open about June 1. They are still working on the infrastructure before they can open.

Tickets are now on sale for the YMCA Dream House in Willoughby Hills. The YMCA will host tours from June 29 through August 4.

Administration has worked on the Employee Handbook and will be presenting a draft to Council in the near future.

Congratulations to our newest Full-time Firefighter Steven Drop who was sworn in since the last Council meeting. He is making his transition from a part-time firefighter and I know he will do a fine job for us.

Best wishes to Father George Smiga, Pastor of St. Noel Church who will be leaving St. Noel for this "retirement" parish assignment this Sunday. We appreciate the many years of service he offered St. Noel and its residents and wish him the best as he starts the next chapter in his life. I will be presenting him with a proclamation on Sunday on behalf of the City and all of the residents.

Sympathy to Councilman Dave Fiebig and his sister Margie Bizjak on the passing of their brother, Tom.

I support the legislation this evening to include:

- 1) Amending the Life Force ambulance billing contract to reflect adding the option to use the Ohio Attorney General's Delinquent Account Program which will enhance our collection efforts. This also includes signing a contract with the Ohio Attorney General for the program, which is a separate ordinance.
- 2) Declaring five Fire Department radios as surplus so we can use them as a trade in for the purchase of five new radios.
- 3) Amending the fee for use of Police vehicles to \$10 per hour, rather than the current \$35 per hour, to come into line with area departments.
- 4) Accepting the bid of Fyda Freightliner Cincinnati in the amount of \$171,613 for a new snow plow vehicle.
- 5) Accepting the bid for engineering fees for the Dodd Road Resurfacing project in the amount of \$53,200.
- 6) Confirmation of Darlene Soeder as the Part-Time Recreation Coordinator.
- 7) Approving the CRA Contract Agreement with 27853 Properties LLC (AKA Produce Packaging), leaving it for three readings for public input and other administrative actions that must occur.
- 8) Bowen's proposal for Zoning Administration services.
- 9) Grange security policy
- 10) Brush/Yard waste policy update.

#### Upcoming Events:

Reminder: Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at the Willoughby Hills Gazebo. All are welcome.

Just a reminder that Shred Day is Saturday, June 8 from 9 to noon.